

MORNING, EVENING AND SUNDAY THE TIMES' SPORTS EXCEL



BRITISHERS ARE HOPELESS

Comment of the London Press on the First Day's Race.

Usual Complaint at the Actions of the Excursion Fleet is All They Can Find to Kick On.

London, Sept. 9.—The Pall Mall Gazette, noticing the conflicting reports of the yacht race between the Defender and the Valkyrie III on Saturday, says:

"It is difficult to remember anything more ridiculous in the history of journalism than the ludicrous contradictory reports of the yachting yesterday's papers. Several papers attempted to get out of the difficulty by merely furnishing the account given by the Reuter Agency, and in so doing lacked the wrong horse."

The reporters did not seem to know one boat from the other. Relying upon the Reuter report it appeared possible yesterday that the Valkyrie III beat the Defender to the windward and that the latter merely won by obtaining a fluky streak of wind in the run back. To-day, however, the reports are more disheartening, as they show that the English boat was simply beaten from start to finish."

The most disappointing feature to Englishmen is the gain the Defender made in the broad reach home when rough water had to be tumbled through. We fear there will be no cup this year for Lord Dunsany."

The Globe says: "The race clearly demonstrated the good and bad points of each boat. The British public generally recede Lord Dunsany's verdict that the Valkyrie was fairly beaten. American sportsmen must be as greatly disgusted as the English with the conduct of the steamer following the yacht. It would be a thousand pities if the racing should be marred by protests from either vessel."

The St. James Gazette says: "We get small comfort out of the first heat of the race. The Valkyrie was fairly beaten, though she was sailed under disgraced conditions and was hampered by excessive rain. The Defender suffered from this misadventure quite as much as her rival, but she was practically leading throughout and looks the faster boat."

The Westminster Gazette says: "The boats were handled so cleverly and performed so well that each sustained its reputation. We must wait until tomorrow's race before deciding that the Defender is the superior boat."

LOCAL FOOTBALL SEASON.

Half a Dozen Teams Now in Training and Much Good Sport Promised.

The football season is fast approaching, and in less than a month's time over a half dozen teams in the District will be lined up for play.

A great many men are already in training, and the season bids fair to be a successful one in all respects. All of the leading college teams in the country will be here sooner or later to meet local kickers, and a great many athletic clubs throughout the United States are also arranging dates for their teams, so that Washington will have a hard struggle to retain the position she has established in past years on the gridiron.

Scout Harding Boats Sullivan.

London, Sept. 9.—The race for the sculling championship of England between "Wag" Harding, the present champion, and Tom Sullivan, of New Zealand, the ex-champion, took place today over the championship course on the Thames, and resulted in a victory for Harding.

Several Battalions Ordered Out and Fireworks Will Blaze Along the Line of March.

About half of the District riflemen who have been in attendance upon the Sea Girt tournament returned to the city on Saturday night. While a majority of the remainder went to New York as spectators of the yacht race, and few remained over Sunday at Asbury Park.

But the team will be received here at 8 o'clock this evening at the Sixth street depot, where the arriving members will be met by their associates, and the team as a whole will receive the welcome extended by the citizens of Washington.

While official orders have been issued to only the First and Fifth Battalions of the guard to serve as an escort all the other companies are invited to take part as volunteers. The National Rifles, Corcoran Cadets, Emmet Guard, Ordway Rifles, Hibernian Rifles and possibly the National Fencibles are all expected to participate, as well as the entire battalion of three companies of the Engineer Corps, many of whose members were on the brigade team. Lieut. Col. Clifford S. Walton will command the entire parade.

Extensive preparations are being made to make the welcome a fitting acknowledgment of the honors achieved by the team. Fireworks and decorations will be a feature along the line of march. The parade will form at the Sixth street depot, traverse the avenue to Fifteenth street, New York avenue to Fourteenth street, where the First Battalion will wheel out of line and return to its quarters, the remainder proceeding along New York avenue to the L street army, where the members of the team will be entertained.

NOT ENOUGH ENTRIES.

New York State Tennis Championship Tournament Declared Off.

Baratoga, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Owing to the lack of interest and scarcity of entries, the New York State tennis championship tournament for the season of 1895, to have been played here this week, has been declared off.

No disposition has been made as yet of the High Rock championship cup, which was won by Clarence Hobart in 1893 and 1894, or the Woodlawn Oval cup, won by Mrs. Ide in 1894. The local association will endeavor to secure an earlier date for the tournament next year.

Mr. Lamont Goes Away.

Secretary Lamont has gone to his home in New York. He is expected to return early next week.

STIRRING EVENTS AT TIOGA

Many Professionals to Meet at the Wind-up To-night.

What Wheelmen Are Doing at Home and in Various Other Parts of the Country.

Philadelphia, Sept. 9.—This evening's programme at the Tioga track promises to furnish the most exciting and interesting sport for bicycle enthusiasts seen here this season.

There is an exceptionally large list of entries, among them an unusually large number of professionals. The number ranges from twenty-five to thirty in each event.

The club races of the Pen Wheelmen and Roxborough Wheelmen are to be run, the first being a two-mile handicap, for which seventeen prizes are offered, and the second a mile scratch race.

Among the entries for the mile handicap are Starbuck, Ashinger and Owen Zeigler, the latter being the well-known boxer. It is confidently expected that the greatest gathering of the year will be on hand to witness the contest, as great interest is felt in them.

It is said that if the charges of crookedness pending against Titus and Cabanne are proven, these alleged jobbers will get the most severe punishment ever meted out to offending men by Chairman Gideon. The punishment, no doubt, will consist of forcing the culprits to jump into the professional ranks and ride for solid cash, instead of leather medals.

Lovatt, the expert, who is to plan the new Point Breeze wooden bicycle track, says it will be the fastest thing of its kind in the world. He has graded it, on paper, so that a mile can be gone on it in one minute and thirty seconds.

Michael, the 17-year-old English cyclist, is said to be so speedy that he finds no difficulty in keeping along with any of the foreign quads.

An invitation mile race is being arranged to take place at Philadelphia one week from to-night, in which it is proposed to bring Johnson, Sanger, Tyler, O'Connor and Starbuck together. Another feature of entertainment on the occasion is to be a tandem race, in which it is expected at least half a dozen teams will take part.

Purses have been hung up to the amount of \$1,200 by the South Jersey Agricultural Society, to be raced for by professional bicycle riders at Gloucester, on the 28th of this month.

It is now prophesied that the talked-of race between the rival riders, Mudd and Wood, will come off. Some of the friends of the men are anxious to see them come together, but there seems to be a hitch between the men themselves that is likely to wind the whole thing up in smoke.

Richard Tappen will go to New York tomorrow to watch the Defender and Valkyrie race again on Wednesday, and then he will run down to Manhattan beach to see the bicyclists.

A cable dispatch from Paris says that in a twenty-four hour race at Bordeaux last night, a Frenchman, named George, won the grand prize offered by the French Cycling Union, winning each of the heats and the final easily, despite the efforts of the leading French cyclists.

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GREATEST PUGILIST LIVING

This Is What Prof. Donovan Pro-nounces Bob Fitzsimmons.

Corbett's Rival Sized Up in an Interesting Way by the ex-Middle-weight Champion.

It is highly entertaining to follow the pugilistic experts these days as they give their ideas of Fitzsimmons and Corbett and present arguments why Bob should down Jim or why Jim will be sure to down Bob.

The distinguished but uncertain prophet, Macon McCormick, is assiduously laboring through the columns of various newspapers to convert all of the world to his way of thinking—that Corbett is the most marvellous creation, in a boxing way, that has ever trod the earth. On the other hand, Prof. Mike Donovan, at one time the equal, if not the peer, of any middle-weight living, and still a close observer of boxing men and boxing events, is doing his best to place Fitzsimmons on the highest pinnacle of pugilistic fame.

The professor says that "every judge of boxing who is not filled with prejudice must admit that Fitzsimmons is a truly great man in his line. He possesses all of the qualities needed in a great pugilist. He has gameness highly developed. He is as nearly a perfect master of the art of boxing as the ring has ever seen. I do not believe any man living can teach him anything about boxing, and I am quite sure he is superior in that respect to the old-time men we hear so much about."

"His agility is something wonderful. His legs are very powerful and enable him to move about despite his height with the quickness of a lightweight. He tires less easily than any big boxer I have ever seen. With his endurance he combines great recuperative powers. He has proved his recuperative qualities and at the same time his gameness in coming back to fight as strong as ever after receiving blows that would have even knocked good men out of a fight."

"No man in the ring can hit a harder blow than Fitzsimmons can, and no man—don't care who he is—can hit as hard a straight blow. Fitzsimmons' power in hitting straight from the shoulder, without, if necessary, drawing back his arm, as most men do for a very hard punch, is truly marvellous. The importance of being able to hit with such power without drawing back lies in, first, a saving of time, and second, in depriving your adversary of a warning of danger."

"Fitzsimmons is also remarkably clever as a judge of time and distance. His eyes are wonderfully quick, and he times his attacks admirably."

"There is nothing new under the sun that does not apply to Fitzsimmons' method of fighting. It is new and ingenious, and would entirely bewilder any ordinary boxer and throw him off his guard. In fighting his quickness serves him well. As he steps from one side of his adversary to the other he suggests a rubber man. And the beauty of his fighting lies in the fact that he is ready at any instant to strike a blow, and a hard one. His fighting, while it distracts his opponent and bewilders him, does not make Fitzsimmons, even for a second, less sight of the one thing to be desired, a knock-out blow."

Thus Prof. Donovan goes on for more than a column, and clearly indicates that it is his conviction that the red-headed man from Australia is liable to upset Mr. Corbett's apple cart at Dallas.

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CRACKS MATCHED AT LAST

Messrs. Belmont, Keene and Baldwin Come to an Agreement.

Navarre, Domino and Rey el Santa Anita Will Run Off the First of a Series on Wednesday.

The first of the series of match races between Henry of Navarre, Domino and Rey el Santa Anita, which have finally been settled upon by the Keenes, August Belmont and Lucky Baldwin, is to be run at Sheepshead Bay Wednesday.

All of the horsemen at the over-the-river tracks are much interested in this meeting of the cracks. Each horse has his admirers, but the general opinion seems to be that Henry of Navarre will win. Domino is not looked upon as having a liking for anything over a mile. In fact, under that distance appears to be more to his taste.

Rey el Santa Anita can go that route all right if he will go at all, but either on his own or some other account, he has been running in spots, and not many will feel sure enough about him to bet much money on him. Looking at the race from any point, Navarre should and no doubt will be a decided favorite. He can carry his weight and go the distance, and is game, honest and speedy. The conditions of the race are, one mile and a furlong, weight for age, for \$1,000 a corner, the Jockey Club to add \$500.

It has been discovered that the number thirteen has been cutting quite a figure in turf history. Racine broke Ten Brock's mile record just thirteen years after the son of Imp. Phaeton had scored his long-unrivaled mark; the notorious Garfield Park track was finally closed and horsemen J. J. Brown met his tragic death there in the thirteenth year of its existence as a race track; and the biggest dump in the Kentucky Derby's history was when Montrose won it, the season of the thirteenth renewal of the great race. "I would buy that colt," said a well-known turfman one day a few years ago at the offering of Mr. J. G. Thomas' yearlings in New York City, "was he number 13." Another horseman, not so superstitious, secured the colt and got the famous sprinter, Capt. Henry. Imp. Leaning was thirteen years in the stud in this country; the season he sired the famous Iroquois, while Henry Griffin, the now crack jockey, commenced riding race horses when he was 13 years old.

Racing is to open up again in earnest in the West this week. Next Saturday a nineteen-day meeting is to begin at Oakley. This will be followed by a thirty-six day meeting at Layton. Ten state races are to be run off at Oakley and fourteen at Layton, and for these twenty-four events more than 1,600 nominations have been made. The Layton Cup has been resurrected. This is the first time this event has been on the Layton programme in eight years, and it is to be at two and a quarter miles, the original distance. It is a race for horses of all ages, and thirty-two entries have been made. It is expected that by the time proceedings commence at Oakley there will be more than a thousand horses quartered there.

Clifford beat Sir Walter handily at Sheepshead Bay on Saturday, but his victory has not made Mr. Rose jump into the race with Navarre, Domino, and Rey el Santa Anita. Indeed, while Mr. Rose has a high opinion of the merits of his horse, he seems to be quite uncertain as to the advisability of changing him against the cracks again. It is hoped, however, that he will conclude to enter Clifford before the race of Wednesday.

Azote, Benetta, Klamath, and William Penn start in the free-for-all trot at Louisville on Wednesday. Joe Patchen, John K. Gentry, Robert J., and Rubenstein start in the free-for-all pace on Friday.

Crescendo is credited with running the Futurity course on Saturday in 1:10 1/4. The Californian is fast bringing triumph around to the belief that he is one of the very best two-year-olds of the year, and all want to see him get another chance at Requin.

APPELLEGE TO BE SOLD.

Two-Year-Old Mr. Belmont Offered \$35,000 for to Go to Auction.

New York, Sept. 9.—J. J. McCafferty has finally decided not to retain his great colt, Applegate, and his fine filly, Religion, and they will be offered for sale with the rest of the McCafferty string next Saturday. Applegate is considered by good judges to be the best two-year-old of the season, and as McCafferty was known to have a weakness for him, his sale will cause universal surprise. In the spring, before he bought Hastings, Mr. Belmont offered \$35,000 for Applegate.

VICTORIA REGIA.

Great Lily Ready to Bloom in the White Lot.

Inside of forty-eight hours there will bloom in the lake south of the Executive Mansion one of the rarest aquatic flowers known to horticulturists. The Victoria Regia lily is the name of this remarkable species of water plant, which is attracting so much attention, and the one in question is one of the finest specimens in existence.

Mr. Gardiner Hubbard has at his country place near Woodley the only other lily of the kind in this city, as it is an extremely difficult plant to raise and keep alive, especially during the dull, sunless weather in winter.

A temperature of eighty degrees must be maintained and all the sunlight obtainable is required. For this reason the Botanical Gardens have been unable to sustain the several lilies formerly on exhibition there. The one at the Executive Mansion has three dish-shaped leaves, nine inches each in diameter, and they resemble huge plates as they float lazily on the water in the pond surrounding the fountain.

The peculiar formation of the under surface of the leaves imparts to them great buoyancy, sufficient to support the weight of a good sized child sitting in a chair.

The bloom resembles a pond lily in structure and fragrance, and is certainly quite beautiful. The seeds of this gigantic flower were planted last February and it will continue to bloom until the first approach of frost.

Fatal Quarrel Over Money.

Cleveland, Sept. 9.—A special from Portsmouth, Ohio, says: Yesterday afternoon at Turkey Creek, Thomas Hughes stabbed John Holt in a quarrel over money matters. Holt started to walk away and Hughes ran up and stabbed him in the back, the handle of his knife penetrating the lungs. Five smaller wounds were inflicted. Holt died this morning. Hughes was captured after a long chase through the west side hills.

Maroons Up in Arms.

Kington, Jamaica, Sept. 9.—In consequence of the meddling of negro agitators it is feared that there will be further trouble with the Maroons. The agitators after stirring up strife and inciting the Maroons to a renewal of their depredations, are fleeing to the mountains to escape the police.

ORIOLES FEEL DRAGGLED

Saturday's Game a Sorry Disappointment to Baltimore Fans.

Tebau Confident He Will Get at Least an Even Break With the Champions.

(Special to The Times.)

Baltimore, Sept. 9.—The feeling in this city indicates that the game of Saturday was not only a surprise, but a sickening disappointment to the population of this quiet old town. Baltimore's baseball club is about the only thing she has had in the last 100 years of which she could justly feel proud, and to see that combination down right on its own stamping ground by a leading rival for pennant honors was a sorry day, and has heart the friends of the Orioles with genuine fear as to what may happen to-day and to-morrow.

Yet the Orioles were beaten fairly and squarely, and they have no kick coming. An analysis of the score shows this: The pitching of Dunning, the pride of the aggregation was caught for ten hits by the Tebeau men, while his adversary, the small-like, aggravating, nerve-racking Cuppy, held the Baltimoreans to nine hits. In the error column four are found credited to the Orioles. Two of these were by Jennings, one by Gleason, and one is chalked up to the great Dunning himself.

As the mistakes of the Spiders, they got three—one less than their opponents. Childs scoring one and McGarr two. From this it will be seen that the team that should have won the game got it, notwithstanding the ifs and ands that are being injected into arguments to prove the contrary.

To-day the leaders have another tussle. It is not likely that McMahon will pitch again so soon after the great strain of Saturday, while Cuppy, who is in prime condition, with a good rest yesterday, could easily go in again for one of the games to-day, and he will probably do so. The Baltimore games are all important to the Spiders, and there is not a man on the team who will not go his length to hold the Orioles for at least an even break, and with McMahon out and Cuppy in, they stand at least an even chance to get it this afternoon.

Tebau is naturally greatly pleased over the victory of Saturday, though he is not unduly demonstrative. In fact, he is very modest under the circumstances, assuring all who approach him that he has never had the slightest notion of allowing the Baltimore men to walk away with the series, which the latter have been confident they would do.

The people at Cleveland are apparently wild over the good start the Spiders have made here, for Tebeau and nearly every member of the team has received a perfect shower of telegrams from friends at home congratulating them on Saturday's triumph and urging them to keep up the glorious work.

Tebau said this morning that he would be indeed greatly surprised if he did not take another game or two from the home team before he leaves, and it is putting it mildly to say that intense interest is felt in the games to-day.

The Senators wind up at Pittsburgh this afternoon.

It took about all the pitching material the Pirates had to win the second game from the Senators on Saturday, and at that the victory was a shady one.

Jake Boyd, usually a very quiet citizen, must have thought the Senators were getting a rough deal indeed to get so boisterous as to be benched.

Mercer and Gilroy both did good work on Saturday. In the first game the Pirates got six hits off of Mercer, while in the second Gilroy held them down to eight.

Breitenstein will pitch no more games this year. His mishap at Philadelphia on Saturday was even more serious than it at first appeared to be, and it is feared he will be laid up for weeks to come.

More than 15,000 people witnessed the Labor Day games between the Quakers and the Colonels at Philadelphia, while 3,000 saw those between the Senators and Pirates at Pittsburgh.

Scrappy Bill Joyce failed to get in a home run hit in either of the games at Pittsburgh on Saturday, but he came the next thing to it. In the second game he knocked a three-bagger.

It took the Senators and Pirates four hours and forty-five minutes to play the two games at Pittsburgh on Saturday. No wonder Abber's lamps were not bright enough to find the ball in the eighth inning of the second game.

McMahon is said to have lost his nerve in the game with Cleveland on Saturday, while Cuppy was as steady as a clock. If there is anything this side of an earthquake that will disturb Cuppy no one has yet discovered it. He is certainly a marvelously constructed being.

Just five points separate the Senators and the Browns to-day. The race for the eleventh place is again getting exciting.

Brooklyn and Boston are again tied for fourth place.

Baltimore can't get more than an even break now with the Clevelandans on the season's work. Nine games have been played by these clubs, and Cleveland has won six of them. Baltimore needs all of the three remaining games if she gets out even with her rival.

It looks a good deal as though the Quakers are to be the only team outside of Baltimore and Cleveland that will finish the year's play with a percentage above the .500 mark. They are almost sure to go beyond the .500 limit with Louisville to-day.

The Quakers seem to have become experts at putting pitchers out by cracking them on the shins. McDermott was knocked out in the second game on Saturday exactly as Breitenstein was. In the first game Collins had a leg almost knocked off. Cross batted both balls.

Jack Crooks' finger is yet pretty sore, but he has hopes of getting into the game before the Quakers get through with the Senators.

Lucid has pitched three games against Louisville and shied them out twice. The Colonels made their only runs of the season against him in the second game on Saturday.

Taken on the whole, things seem to come around in baseball about as they ought to after all. A string up of the three tall-enters show that out of eleven games played with St. Louis, Washington has won six, while out of twelve games played with Louisville she has won six. The Senators' next best showing has been against Pittsburgh, with four victories, as against seven

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defeats. The final game of the year with the Pirates takes place this afternoon.

The games played by the league clubs on Saturday resulted as follows:
Pittsburg 5, Washington 2—first game.
Pittsburg 5, Washington 4—second game.
Cleveland 4, Baltimore 3.
Cincinnati 8, Brooklyn 7.
Philadelphia 9, Louisville 2—first game.
Philadelphia 13, Louisville 5—second game.
St. Louis 4, Boston 3.

The standing of the League Clubs to-day is as follows:
Baltimore. 71 38 651 Cincinnati. 59 52 552
Cleveland. 74 45 602 Pittsburg. 62 50 580
Brooklyn. 67 45 598 Chicago. 58 53 518
Philadelphia. 63 49 553 Washington. 73 74 518
Boston. 61 49 553 St. Louis. 55 53 518
New York. 60 52 530 Louisville. 29 54 507

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